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Unproduced film scripts with Texas connections

PoliTex The Black List ranks the most liked screenplays based on movie execs' votes.

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A widely read annual list of the top unproduced scripts circulating around Hollywood came out recently, and the two top spots went to stories that are sure to have Texas political junkies reaching for the popcorn.

The Black List ranks the most liked screenplays based on votes from more than 290 film executives, according to deadline.com.

This year's top ranking went to *College Republicans*, which tracks a young **Karl Rove** and his efforts to become chairman of that group.

The script has won praise for its humor and insight into the man who would later become **George W. Bush's** chief strategist and an architect of the modern Texas Republican Party. According to news reports, Austin director **Richard Linklater** has expressed interest in directing the film, and **Shia LaBeouf** wants a starring role.

No. 2 was *Jackie*, a portrait of President **John F. Kennedy's** wife during the four days immediately after his assassination in Dallas but before her husband's burial.

The No. 3 script is about aliens and time travel.

College Republicans tracks a young Karl Rove's interest in politics.
Associated Press archives

Jackie is a portrait of President John F. Kennedy's wife just after his death.
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Booze vs. pot

The Safer Texas Campaign is calling on Texas leaders to stop accepting campaign contributions from the alcohol industry until a safer alternative to drinking is legalized.

That alternative, the group says, is legalizing the regulated use and sale of marijuana.

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The group cites studies showing that alcohol contributes to aggressive and risk-taking behavior, violence, rape and alcohol poisoning.

Marijuana use, the group says, does none of that.

"Our campaign works to address increasing public safety concerns that our state laws prohibiting the marijuana market are sending a dangerous message to the public that alcohol is more acceptable than marijuana," said **Craig Johnson**, coordinator of the Safer Texas Campaign.

"Every objective study on alcohol and marijuana has shown marijuana is a much safer substance than alcohol to both the user and to society, so our legislators should not be driving more Texans to drink by prohibiting the safer alternative of marijuana," Johnson said.

LOTTO TEXAS

To our readers
Because of early holiday deadlines, Friday night's lottery numbers did not appear in yesterday's Star-Telegram. The missing numbers appear today in the weekly summary.

15, 18, 20, 33, 49, 51
Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday, Dec. 25. The jackpot was worth $9 million. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday, Dec. 29, is $10 million.

PICK 3
Day 2, 9, 0, S 11
Night 5, 4, 2, S 11
Drawn in this order Saturday, Dec. 25

DAILY 4
Day 8, 0, 0, 9, S 17
Night 0, 7, 8, 5, S 20
Drawn in this order Saturday, Dec. 25

CASH 5
14, 22, 29, 33, 36
Cash 5 numbers Saturday, Dec. 25

TEXAS TWO-STEP
20, 21, 25, 26, BB 17
Numbers drawn Thursday, Dec. 23. Estimated prize for Monday, Dec. 27: $200,000

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Monday, Dec. 20
Pick 3: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Daily 4: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Cash 5: [illegible]
Texas Two Step: [illegible]

Tuesday, Dec. 21
Pick 3: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Daily 4: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Cash 5: [illegible]
Mega Millions: [illegible]

Wednesday, Dec. 22
Pick 3: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Daily 4: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Cash 5: [illegible]
LOTTO: [illegible]
TEXAS POWERBALL: [illegible]

Thursday, Dec. 23
Pick 3: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Daily 4: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Cash 5: [illegible]
Texas Two Step: 20, 21, 25, 26, BB 17

Friday, Dec. 24
Pick 3: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Daily 4: Day [illegible]; Night [illegible]
Cash 5: [illegible]
Mega Millions: 15, 16, 27, 40, 52 MB 16 MP 4

Saturday, Dec. 25
Pick 3: Day 2, 9, 0, S 11; Night 5, 4, 2, S 11
Daily 4: Day 8, 0, 0, 9, S 17; Night 0, 7, 8, 5, S 20
Cash 5: 14, 22, 29, 33, 36
LOTTO: 15, 18, 20, 33, 49, 51
TEXAS POWERBALL: 1, 17, 38, 50, 52 PB 24 PP 2

Confirm winning numbers with lottery vendor. The Star-Telegram is not responsible for incorrect numbers.

MEGA MILLIONS
15, 16, 27, 40, 52
Mega Ball **16** Megaplier **4**
Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday, Dec. 24. Estimated prize for Tuesday, Dec. 28: $196 million.

Tickets matched	Mega ball	Prize	Texas winners
5 of 5	Mega	$168 million	0
5 of 5		$250,000	1
4 of 5	Mega	$10,000	4
4 of 5		$150	186
3 of 5	Mega	$150	222
2 of 5	Mega	$10	3,524
3 of 5		$7	9,417
1 of 5	Mega	$3	21,869
0 of 5	Mega	$2	40,595

Total prize Megaplier	Winners	Total prize Megaplier	Winners
$1 million	0	$40	597
$40,000	1	$28	1,592
$600	16	$12	3,882
$600	41	$8	7,040

WINNING TICKETS: Jackpot winners in Massachusetts (1), New York (1), Ohio (1), Texas (1) and Virginia (1).

TEXAS POWERBALL
1, 17, 38, 50, 52
Powerball **24** Power Play **2**
Powerball numbers drawn Saturday, Dec. 25. Estimated prize: $66 million.

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Taser

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case.

"We believe the objective facts would tell you [that] you kind of have a misunderstanding of what had happened here," she said, declining to elaborate because of privacy laws. "There's a lot of facts to this whole thing."

Erickson released a statement: "This was a licensed police officer who was in the hospital assisting with security. Our assumption was that he did what he believed to be appropriate and correct."

Possible delirium

More than 150 people nationally have died because of the devices since 2001, according to Amnesty International.

Earlier this year, Fort Worth approved a $2 million settlement with the family of a man who died after police used a Taser on him.

Several cases in recent years, one involving the nephew of a Supreme Court justice, have raised questions about the appropriateness of the devices to subdue hospital patients.

The manufacturer warns that the Taser can cause changes in blood pressure, electrolytes, heart rate and rhythm, and respiration.

Dr. Robert Philibert, a physician and professor of behavioral genetics at the University of Iowa, said he had never heard of a case in which a Taser was used on a postoperative patient.

"I know people get violent occasionally, but it's generally fairly easily managed," he said, noting that with IV access, sedatives can be administered if a patient becomes agitated.

"You've got IV access, you've got them flat on gurney, you've got people watching them," he said. "Generally people don't come to full cognition and say, 'It's time to start kicking ass.'"

One possible explanation of the man's combativeness is that he was suffering from delirium following anesthesia, experts say.

However, neither the police nor the hospital indicated how long the man had been out of surgery or whether he was suffering from such "emergence reaction" effects.

If the man had an adverse reaction, he would be among about 10 percent of patients who have such problems, said Dr. Michael Murray, an anesthesiologist and professor of anesthesiology at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. Patients can suffer from delirium, agitation and confusion.

Murray said extreme combativeness is rare. Just once in his 25-year career he saw a patient who underwent heart surgery rip hoses from his chest. The man had to be restrained by several nurses.

In the past 10 years, Murray said, anesthesiologists have worked toward identifying patients with such problems.

Sometimes reactions are so abrupt there's no good way to prepare for it.

"You treat it as best as you can at the time," said Murray, who is researching the area.

National incidents

A Taser company spokesman said 151 hospitals either deploy and/or are testing Taser brand electronic control devices in the United States.

Tasers "have been very successful as a response to resistance for hospital security when interventions are required to halt violent situations that pose a safety risk to security officers, medical personnel, suspects or innocent citizens," said Steve Tuttle, vice president of communications for Taser International in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Other cases in recent years involving Taser use against patients involved patients involuntarily hospitalized.

In Orlando, a man under police supervision refused to give a urine sample for a drug test. The man was both handcuffed and restrained by leather straps, and an officer kneeled on his chest while the patient thrashed to prevent the insertion of a catheter. The officer then used his Taser in drive stun mode twice before the man capitulated, according to Amnesty International.

In July, a security guard used a stun gun on the nephew of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas after he allegedly became combative when trying to leave a Louisiana hospital against doctors' orders, *The Washington Post* reported.

Police officers in Minnesota used a Taser to shock an unruly patient in the emergency room, the *Star Tribune* reported in 2008. The patient, who staff believed was potentially violent, fell to the floor and was medicated. But federal and state health officials later cited the hospital for violating the patient's rights, the newspaper reported.

Texas Department of State Health Services rules don't address the use of Tasers on patients, but "generally speaking hospitals should report if a patient is Tasered because it could be construed as abuse and may be a patient rights violation," said spokeswoman Carrie Williams.

"We'd like to look into the matter," she added, and asked the *Star-Telegram* for details of the incident. The hospital did not answer questions about reporting the matter to the state or its accrediting agency.

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HIP IMPLANT RECALL!
On August 26, 2010, Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc. announced a formal product recall of its dangerous and defective ASR hip implant device. The recall includes two defective models: the ASR XL Acetabular System (a total hip replacement system) and the ASR Hip Resurfacing System (partial hip replacement placing a metal cap on the ball of the femur). If you or a loved one has one of these devices, you may have a claim against the manufacturer, call us today.
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Zoo

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Beck was visiting relatives for the holiday. "Only the rain would have kept us away."

Because of the cold, many animals were kept inside for the day. A sign near the ticket office indicated that animals such as the small birds, the warthogs, bongos, giraffes, cheetahs, elephants, meerkats, lemurs and kangaroos would not be out.

That didn't stop Crystal Olson and her husband, Neil, from visiting. The couple drove from Irving after finding out the zoo was open Saturday.

"It would have been great to see all the animals," Crystal Olson said. "But there was still some out, and he just got a new camera for Christmas so we needed to try it out."

Dallas resident Todd Brewster and 22-year-old Devon Brewster found the zoo to be a good place for a father-son outing.

"All the rest of the family is in New York," Todd Brewster said. "So we started with brunch at Denny's in Carrollton and made our way here. Now we just need to find a Mexican restaurant for dinner."

Then there was the Cioffi family — sisters Danielle and Nicole and brother Chris.

Saturday was the second time they had spent Christmas Day at the Fort Worth Zoo.

"The animals just have more energy this time of year," Nicole Cioffi of Grand Prairie said. "We're just hoping this will be a tradition for us."

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